

TITLE: METHOD OF A DOSED APPLICATION OF A LIQUID ONTO A SURFACE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004, the time for reply having been extended to March 22, 2005 by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, Applicant provides a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 declaration of prior invention.

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon et al. (2003/0092195). Moon is a continuation of application No. 09/156,507 filed on September 17, 1998. Applicant conceived and reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to the filing of the Moon et al. application.

Submitted herewith is a declaration by inventor Robert Moerman under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 stating that he conceived and tested a method of a dosed application of